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1. FOLLOWING ARE RESPONSES TO SOME OF THE QUESTIONS
RAISED IN REFTEL. EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS FOR PAPERS ON ITEMS
IV B, I B AND III E FOLLOW SEPTELS.

2. MCI SAYS PULP IS INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ITEM IN US
TRADE SO THEY WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS QUESTIONS RELATING TO
ITS SUPPLY. THEY AGREE, HOWEVER, THAT PULP IS A POINTLESS
DISCUSSION TOPIC IF TRADE IN THIS ITEM IS COMPLETELY FREE
AND WITHOUT CURRENT OR INTENDED USG CONTROL.

3. EVEN THOUGH MINISTER WILL MEET WITH SECRETARY BUTTS,
MCI WISHES SOME LIMITED DISCUSSION OF SUPPLY OF US
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS IN CONFERENCE AND INDICATION IN
COMMUNIQUE THAT DISCUSSION HAS BEEN HELD. THEY MAINTAIN

THIS IS A POLITICAL NECESSITY.

4. MCI WOULD LIKE ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM ON SUBJECT OF
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SUPPLY OF KOREAN LABOR AND ENGINEERING FOR ALASKAN

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. THEY POINT OUT THAT THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IMMIGRATION. THEY ARE ONLY FISHING ON THIS ITEM, HOWEVER, AND WOULD BE WILLING TO FOREGO IT IF THERE ARE NO PRACTICAL POSSIBILITIES.

5. MCI AGREES TO ALTERING ITEM IV D TO READ QUOTE PATENT AND TRADEMARK PROTECTION IN KOREA UNQUOTE. AS FOR DESIRABILITY OF ROK ADHERENCE TO THE PARIS UNION INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY CONVENTION, THEY TAKE THE VIEW THAT THE ROK IS NOT YET READY FOR THIS AND THERE IS NO POINT IN THE US PUSHING FOR THIS AT THE CONFERENCE. FURTHERMORE, THEY SUGGEST THAT IT IS NOT THE ROLE (AS MEMBER AND NOT ADMINISTRATOR) TO BE TRYING TO LINE UP ADHERENTS TO THE CONVENTION. WE INDICATED US DELEGATION MIGHT WANT TO SUGGEST THAT THE ROK CONSIDER EVENTUAL MEMBERSHIP AS AN ACCEPTABLE WAY TO REGULARIZE KOREAN PRACTICE AND AVOID CRITICISM OF CURRENT KOREAN ADMINISTRATION OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS.

6. MCI IS DEFINITELY OPPOSED TO ANY RELEASE OF THE AGENDA PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH THE PUBLIC POSITION OF THE CONFEREES ON AGENDA ITEMS. RELEASE OF THE AGENDA BEFORE THIS TIME, THEY SAY, WOULD LEAD TO UNWARRANTED PREJUDGEMENT OR SPECULATION BY PRESS ON WHAT POSITION OF TWO SIDES SHOULD BE. AT THE SAME TIME, THEY ADMITTED TO PLANS TO GIVE BACKGROUND BRIEFING ON CONFERENCE ACHIEVEMENTS TO KOREAN PRESS REPRESENTATIVES AT BREAKFAST MEETING WITH THEM AT 7 AM ON MORNING OF ISSUANCE OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE.

7. ON SCENARIO FOR CONFERENCE OPENING, MCI SUGGESTS SECRETARY DENT OPEN WITH GREETING AND THEN TRADE REVIEW WORKING BACKWARDS FROM OUTLINE REMARKS SUGGESTED IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE FOR OCCASION, AND MAKING HIS MAJOR POINTS. FOLLOWING THIS THERE WOULD BE INTRODUCTION OF DELEGATIONS, ADOPTION OF AGENDA, AND NOMINATION OF DRAFTING COMMITTEE FOR JOINT COMMUNIQUE. PRINCIPALS WOULD THEN RETIRE LEAVING CONFERENCE TO BE CONDUCTED BY WORKING LEVEL.
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